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Library Offers Vast Variety of Online Databases for the Public *More Than 70 Databases Include Reference Materials in English and Spanish*

SAN DIEGO – Every day, Charles Harrington Elster looks up dozens of words. But when this local author, radio broadcaster, and self-described logophile (word-lover) can't find what he needs on his own well-stocked shelves, he accesses the City of San Diego Public Library Web site, where he can check the online edition of the Oxford English Dictionary.

"I own the 1989 print edition of the OED, but only through the online edition can I keep up with the new words and citations they've added," Elster said. "For anyone who cares about words, the public library's online OED is an indispensable tool. Best of all, it's free!"

The Oxford English Dictionary is one of approximately 70 free online databases available through the Library's Web site. All patrons need is a valid library card and Internet access. Most databases are accessible through a patron's home Internet connection, while some specialized databases are freely accessible only via public computers at the City's 35 libraries.

"The Library's online databases are treasure troves of information available free to the public," said City Library Director Anna Tatár. "This is a popular service that can greatly assist people in research and learning."

The wealth of information available through the databases can be richly diverse, and are likely to exceed the needs of users from students to retirees to professionals. The online resources include:

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- Full-text magazines and newspapers, many updated daily –including the *San Diego Union-Tribune*
- Every issue of *The New York Times* from Sept. 18, 1851, to Dec. 31, 2001.
- Thousands of photos of people, places, and things from the Associated Press.
- Grolier Encyclopedias, including the Spanish language “Nueva Enciclopedia Cumbre.”
- Financial reports and data from Standard & Poor’s.
- NoveList book review and reader’s advisory database, from EBSCO
- Ancestry Library with genealogy information, census records and other related data.
- Databases in Spanish with information on general news and medical data.
- Curriculum Resource Center with information geared for children and teens.

These and other online databases can be found in the Library section of the City’s Web site at

<http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library>.

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